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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, NO, CH
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND TO PRC

1. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED TODAY BY KARL BREUNIG, CHIEF OF THE MFA OFFICE OF ASIAN AFFAIRS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND PLANS TO TRAVEL TO PEKING THE END OF MARCH. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC ON FEBRUARY 20.
2. FRYDENLUND'S CHINA TRIP WAS TOTALLY UNANTICIPATED AND COMES IN THE MIDDLE OF A VERY PARAPETETIC FEW MONTHS. IN THE LAST SIX WEEKS, FRYDENLUND HAS TRAVELED TO IRAN, TURKDY, AND GERMANY AND WILL VISIT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.
3. COMMENT: FRYDENLUND MAY BE HOPING TO ACHIEVE A LARGER PUBLIC IMPRESSION IN NORWAY OF ACTIVITY AND FURTHERANCE OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN POLICY. THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING
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PRESS COMMENT ON HIS PERFORMANCE IN RECENT MONTHS CHARACTERIZING HIM AS GOOD HEARTED AND WELL INTENTIONED BUT QUESTIONING HIS EFFECTIVENESS. AT THE SAME TIME THE WELL PUBLICIZED ACTIVITIES AND TRAVELS OF LOS MINISTER JENS EVENSEN HAVE INVITED COMPARISON AND RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR RELATIVE PERFORMANCES. THE DRAMATIC IMPACT OF A HIGH-LEVEL VISIT TO PEKING MAY WELL SERVE TO BOLSTER

HIS IMAGE AT HOME AND ABROAD. WE WILL BE FORWARDING
FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS TRIP SEPTEL.
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